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Dear Sir/Madam,

This is to deny your refund request in the amount of \$400.00, for patent/serial number 09887092.

No refund is due.

Sincerely,

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